

REMARKS

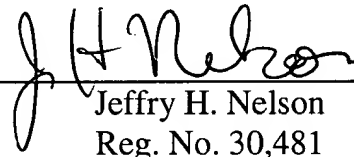
The allowance of all pending claims is appreciated. This Rule 312 Amendment is to amend dependent claims 36 to 28 to remove the term "peripheral" which does not have antecedent basis in independent claim 27. In addition, the title of the application has been revised to reflect that certain of the claims are not limited to peripheral vein access.

All claims are in good condition for allowance. If any small matter remains outstanding, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of this application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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